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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 05798 ACTION SECSTATE DATED MAR 31:

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FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER

DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: PEPR, GW, TU, CY, OTRA (CHRISTOPHER, WARREN)

SUBJECT: CHRISTOPHER-GENSCHER MEETING ON TURKEY

BEGIN SUMMARY: DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER MET WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER MARCH 30 AND REVIEWED OUR
FOUR-POINT PACKAGE PROPOSAL ON TURKEY AND THE POSITIVE
TURKISH REACTION TO IT IN HIS TALKS IN ANKARA. HE
CONVEYED ECEVIT'S REQUEST TO GENSCHER FOR FAVORABLE
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FRG ACTION ON THIRD-COUNTRY ARMS TRANSFERS IN THE
EVENT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO IS LIFTED. GENSCHER RE-
SPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY ON THIS AND STRESSED THE GERMAN
INTEREST IN SUPPORTING TURKEY GENERALLY. HE SAID THE
FRG WANTS TO GIVE A PUSH TO THE WORK OF THE OECD
TURKEY CONSORTIUM. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD RECENTLY CONCLUDED A REVIEW OF OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND HAD ASKED HIM TO GO TO ANKARA TO DISCUSS OUR NEW APPROACH AND TO GET THE TURKISH REACTION. WE HAVE IN MIND A PACKAGE CONSISTING OF FOUR ELEMENTS: 1) THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO ASK CONGRESS TO REMOVE THE EMBARGO ON MILITARY SALES; 2) HE WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR \$50 MILLION IN SECURITY SUPPORT ASSISTANCE, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PURPOSES; 3) HE WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR \$175 MILLION IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS FOR TURKEY; 4) THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES TO RENEGOTIATE THE 1976 DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID HE HAD TOLD ECEVIT PRIVATELY THAT THE PACKAGE WAS NOT LINKED TO ANY ACTION ON THE TURKISH PART. HOWEVER, TURKISH ACTIONS ON CYPRUS WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO THE PACKAGE. IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN ANKARA THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO HAS BROAD SIGNIFICANCE FOR TURKEY.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY CHARACTERIZED THE NET RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN ANKARA AS POSITIVE. WE WERE NOW LOOKING TOWARD THE EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUR-POINT PACKAGE. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A STATEMENT BY ECEVIT AND DENKTASH ON CYPRUS. OUR ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PACKAGE AND THE
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STATEMENT ON CYPRUS WERE NOT LINKED BUT THEY WOULD BE CHRONOLOGICALLY SITUATED IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AS A CONSEQUENCE, WE HOPE TO BE ON OUR WAY TO THE RESTORATION OF RELATIONS WITH AN IMPORTANT ALLY. WE WILL HAVE TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN TURKEY AND TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH FORCES WHICH HAS CLEARLY DETERIORATED.

3. GENSCHER SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S POSITIVE REPORT. THE TURKISH SITUATION WAS NOT EASY. WITH GREECE MOVING TOWARD THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, IT WAS ALL THE MORE NECESSARY TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR TURKEY. THE TURKISH ARMY WAS AN IMPORTANT STABILIZING FACTOR. THE FRG TRIES TO DO ITS BEST TO ASSIST. GENSCHER CITED THE FACT THAT, DESPITE UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE FRG, THE GERMANS HAVE NOT SENT THEIR VERY LARGE NUMBER OF TURKISH WORKERS HOME. ON ECONOMIC AID, GENSCHER ASKED IF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY THOUGHT THE TURKS HAVE A CLEAR CONCEPT OF HOW TO SOLVE THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THEY CLEARLY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THEY HAD HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IMF WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING

THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER, AND IF THEY SUCCEEDED IN THIS,
IT WOULD OPEN OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

4. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THAT ECEVIT HAD ASKED HIM
TO CONVEY A SPECIFIC MESSAGE TO GENSCHER. PART OF THE
EFFECT OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO WOULD BE THAT THIRD COUNTRY
ARMS TRANSFERS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. ECEVIT WANTS FAVORABLE
GERMAN CONSIDERATION OF TURKISH NEEDS ON THIS POINT. HE
HAD BROADENED HIS REQUEST TO INCLUDE FRG SUPPORT TO
TURKEY ON MILITARY MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES. GENSCHER
COMMENTED THAT IN 1974 THE FRG HAD TRIED TO HELP THE
TURKS WITH THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS BUT HAD IN THE END
BEEN PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION. ONCE THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, HOWEVER, THE FRG
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WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD. ON MANUFACTURING, THEY
HAD ALSO TRIED TO HELP TURKEY RE AMMUNITION PRODUCTION
BUT BECAUSE OF THE DECLINE IN THE TURKISH ECONOMY
NOTHING HAD COME OF THIS. GENSCHER THEN REFERRED TO
THE TURKEY CONSORTIUM IN THE OECD AND SAID THE FRG
WANTS TO GIVE IMPETUS TO ITS WORK. IT WOULD ASK ALL THE
OECD MEMBERS TO SEE HOW THEY COULD HELP IMPROVE THE
TURKISH SITUATION.

5. GENSCHER ASKED WHAT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE PACKAGE
ARE WITH THE CONGRESS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THE
PACKAGE HAD BEEN PUT TOGETHER WITH THE CONGRESS IN MIND.
IT WOULD NOT BE RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY THE
SUPPORTERS OF GREECE IN CONGRESS BUT HE CONSIDERED IT
HAS REASONABLE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. MUCH WOULD DEPEND,
HOWEVER, ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY TURKEY AND THE TURKISH
CYPRIOTS ON CYPRUS. IF THEY WERE REASONABLY FORTHCOMING,
OPPOSITION IN THE CONGRESS WOULD BE LESSENED. THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY TOLD GENSCHER HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED
BY ECEVIT'S REACTION WHEN HE RAISED THE TOUCHY QUESTION
OF GREEK RESETTLEMENT IN VAROSHA. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
STRESSED THE SENSITIVENESS OF THIS INFORMATION. GENSCHER
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TURKS WOULD BE WISE ENOUGH
TO MOVE AHEAD IN THEIR OWN WAY AT THEIR OWN TIME. IN
RESPONSE TO A FURTHER QUESTION, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
SAID THE GREEK DCA WOULD ALSO BE RENEGOTIATED, AND WE
WOULD BE ASKING THE CONGRESS FOR FMS CREDITS OF \$145
MILLION.

6. THE CONVERSATION ALSO COVERED AN EXTENDED TOUR
D'HORIZON OF AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WITHOUT,
HOWEVER, BREAKING NEW GROUND.
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